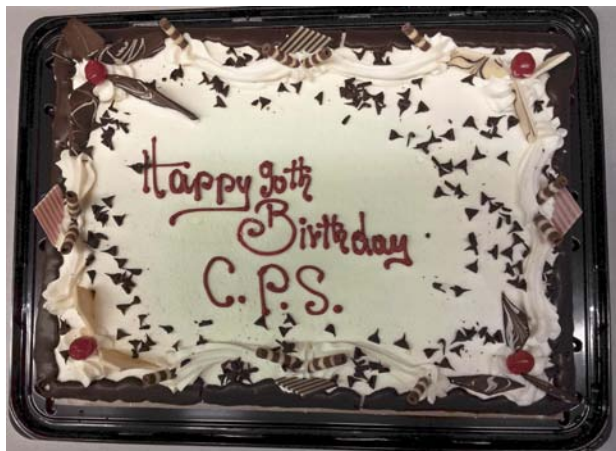


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In April 1922, Dr. Edward George Mason and a small group of Calgary philatelists held the founding meeting of the Calgary Philatelic Society. Since then, the club has held regular monthly meetings, shows from 1927 onward, auctions both regular and special, and many other philatelic events.



At the April 4, 2012, meeting, CPS members gathered to celebrate 90 years of continuous existence. There were two large cakes, speedily

demolished. "Happy Birthday To You" was sung, and there were mutual congratulations all around. A delicious time was had by all. Few local clubs, philatelic or otherwise, make it this far, so CPS members of today can take pride in having done their part to keep the society going.

See you in April 2022 for the centennial!

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YEEHAW! THE CALGARY STAMPEDE IS A CENTENARIAN.

by Dale Speirs

Calgary was founded in August 1875, when “F” Troop of the North West Mounted Police forded the Bow River and built a fort at the junction of the Elbow River. By 1886, the settlement was big enough to begin hosting an annual agricultural exhibition.

In 1912, four wealthy cattlemen, nostalgic for the rapidly fading days of open rangeland, sponsored a rodeo to demonstrate the cowboy way of life to a population that was urban or was farming fenced croplands. They didn’t want a faked Wild West show as was common in the USA, but wanted to show people how it really was. The Calgary Stampede began as a one-time event in 1912, then gradually developed into the world’s largest rodeo, today with about 1.1 million paid visitors over ten days. The modern Stampede is a mixture of agricultural displays that reflect reality, rodeo events which are part reality but mostly myth, the midway rides (pure fantasy), and the food booths (pure everything your doctor warns you against).



The Stampede was first held in 1912, again in 1919, and annually since 1923 after it merged with the Agricultural Exhibition. By the late 1920s, the Stampede was accepted by Calgarians as a remnant of true history, even though ranching in the Calgary area was only important in the last two decades of the 1800s, after which Calgary became a mercantile city supplying the farmers who had fenced in the open range.

The Stampede is run by a non-profit society organized like a large business corporation but whose executive serve as unpaid volunteers. The annual two weeks of the rodeo are the highlight of its year, but the grounds are busy all year round with sports events in two hockey arenas, touring rock concerts, a casino, trade shows, and livestock shows. The City of Calgary has always recognized the Stampede's importance. The City owns the land, and two councillors sit on the Stampede board.



By the 1940s, all the original pioneers were dead and gone, and the Calgary Stampede shifted towards celebrating a Hollywood-style Wild West that never existed even in the USA, much less the Canadian prairies. The agricultural Exhibition maintained its authenticity, but a decade or so ago began to realize that it couldn't assume the visitors knew anything about agriculture. It used to be that almost all visitors were either from a farm background or had family members who were, but today the majority of Calgarians have had no connection to farming for several generations. The exhibits therefore shifted to explaining how food is produced and distributed, to an audience presumed to know nothing of where beef or milk comes from, or the difference between a steer and a bull.

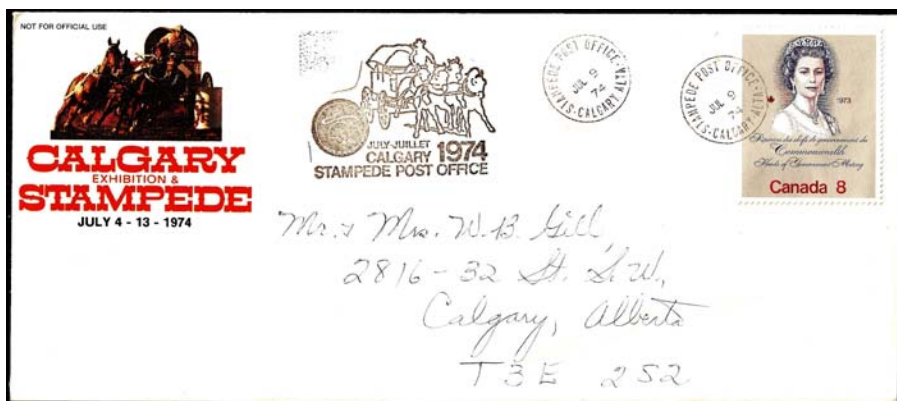
In the era before radio and television, parades were an important type of mass media. They were big, frequent, and involved many Calgarians working together to organize them. They always had a theme to communicate, whether it was "Remember the Good Old Days", "Solidarity Forever!", or "We won!" (a war or sports tournament). Today, the Stampede parade is the only major parade left in Calgary. There are smaller annual parades such as the Gay Pride march, the Dashmesh parade, or the Santa Claus parade, but none of these are anywhere near the size of the Stampede parade.

The three main tribes around Calgary are the Tsuu T'ina, the Siksika, and the Nakoda, and are part of the show. The federal government in 1912 and later Stampede years complained that the Stampede was a bad influence on the tribes, but everyone ignored the killjoys. Government agents did their best to keep the natives on their Reserves, but the Mounties saw no reason to stop them from going into town, and Calgarians were happy to receive them as part of the Stampede colour. The feuding continued until 1932, when the last of the objectors retired from government office. Since then it is taken for granted that the Indian Village will be an integral part of the Stampede, and that many of the natives would compete in the rodeo.





The chuckwagon was invented in 1866 by Charles Goodnight of Texas specifically for use on cattle drives. The first chuckwagon races as a formal rodeo event anywhere were held at the 1923 Calgary Stampede, and were a crowd pleaser. Originally the chuckwagons were straight off the ranch, but modern racing chuckwagons are lightweight and purpose-built, not just adapted from any old wagon. Rules have steadily become more stringent to reduce collisions with their attendant injuries and fatalities to both drivers and horses.



PAQUEBOT: MAILING LETTERS FROM THE SEA

by Ron Tabbert

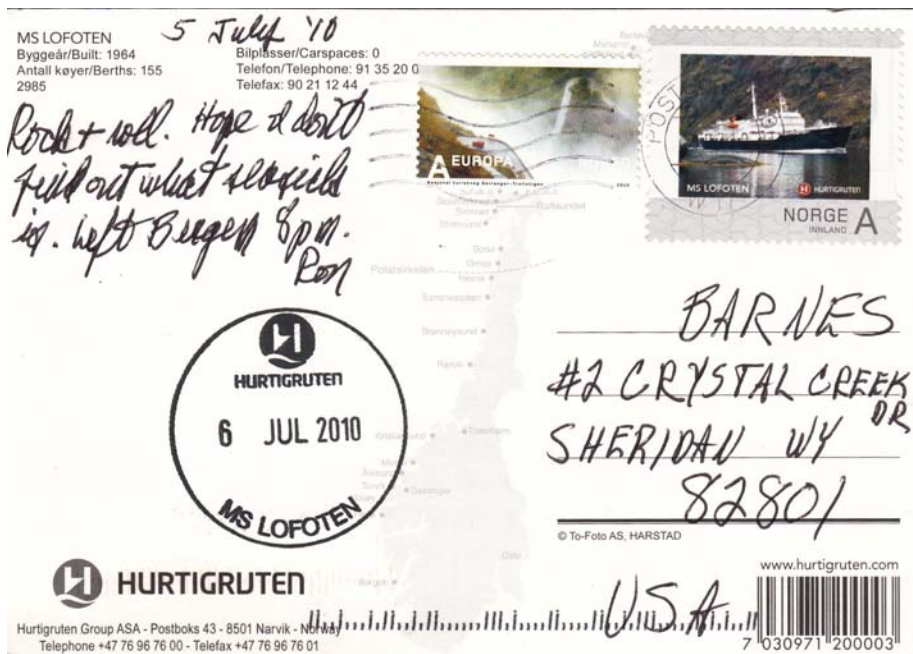
We don't have too many ocean liners plying the seas these days, but there was a time when it was the way to get across the pond.. After several days or a week on board, travellers wanted to send a note home to let them know all was well. Provisions were made for this, and letters could be posted on board. They would be mailed at the next port and sail back on the next ship. These covers were called "paquebot." The word was actually stamped on the cover. It's a French word believed to have been used in 1894 in Great Britain. In 1897 it was adopted for general use by the Universal Postal Union, the organization that regulates international mail. Paquebot means "packet boat," though it has come to mean "mail boat" since it came to be stamped on ship-board mail. There are instances, too, of ships meeting on the ocean and swapping mail to be carried to the next port for mailing. The open sea is international waters, so a ship was considered to be territory of the country under whose flag it sailed. Thus, paquebot mail often has stamps of two different countries, or more commonly, has the stamps of one country and a cancel from another.

Land-locked communities also use boat mail at times. It can be just a motor boat delivering local mail to an island town on up to a full, floating post office. Many of the lakes in central Europe have boats with functioning post offices on board. Figure 1 shows a cover cancelled in Ontario on 1950-07-04 aboard "Muskoka Lakes STR No. 2.", STR being a steamer.





The J.W. Westcott II carries mail to and between ships along the Detroit River. A request not only brought me cancelled envelopes but two commemorative envelopes produced by the company which operates the boat, one of which is shown above.



Obviously my cards are as much for my collection as telling Mom I'm okay, but they still make nice souvenirs. One such card is shown on the previous page at bottom, from the MS (Merchant Ship) Lofoten of the Hurtigruten route up the coast of Norway. On that same 2010 trip from Stockholm, I mailed cards on board with a Swedish stamp which arrived in the United States cancelled in Estonia. It also bears the word "navire," which my Google dictionary tells me is "paquebot" in Estonian.

These days you can e-mail family and friends from a ship almost anywhere. But, if you wish, you can mail cards and letters on board. Generally, most ships don't have a post office, but the main information desk will stamp your mail with a circular design with the ship's name and usually a sketch, and then post them at the next port. It's more of a souvenir today, but certainly can still be used for post. Canada Post issued two Alaska Cruise Picture Postage stamps in 2003 with a blank square where passengers could have their photo digitally printed on the stamp and then use them for mail. Sheets of the stamps were available for purchase, but I have only read of one genuine card using the Cruise stamp mailed aboard ship.

CANADIAN STAMPS OF REMEMBRANCE: PART 5

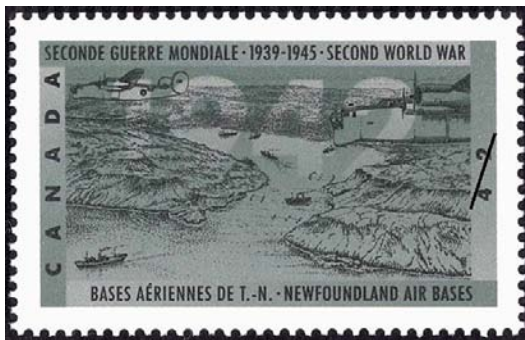
by Gordon Demke

Tribute is paid to Canada's war dead, veterans and Armed Forces personnel through postage stamps. "Stamps of Remembrance" are another reminder of the sacrifice by fellow-Canadians so that we may enjoy freedom and peace. The following are Canadian stamps which I have identified as having "Remembrance" as their theme. All of the quotes are from the Canadian Postal Archives Database (historical notices) for the particular stamp or stamp series.



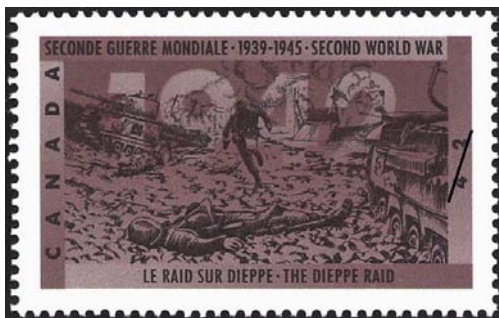
10 Nov. 1992. War Reporting (Sc 1 4 4 8) , Newfoundland Air Bases (Sc 1449), The Dieppe Raid (Sc 1450) & U-Boats Offshore (Sc 1451). *"Canadian correspondents endured life-threatening condition and strict government censorship to*

send news of the war home to Canadians."



Canada provided protection of Newfoundland's coastal waters. "The establishment of defense bases in Newfoundland during the war strengthened the relationship between the two partners, and helped lay the foundations for Newfoundland's entry into Confederation in 1949."

"Certainly the most controversial battle of the war involving Canadians was the Dieppe Raid on August 19, 1942. During a nine-hour battle, 900 Canadian soldiers were killed and 1,900 taken prisoner."



"By 1942, German U-boats had battled their way across the Atlantic to invade the coastal waters of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and into the Gulf of St. Lawrence. . . . But it was the sinking of the Caribou, the North Sydney-Port aux Basques passenger ferry, with the loss of 136 civilian

lives, that finally brought the reality of war to Canada's shores. In September, the St. Lawrence was closed to all shipping except coastal trade. With Canadian air superiority and less shipping, by the next month the U-boats had all but disappeared."

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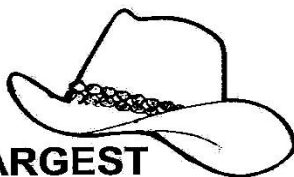
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FOR SALE: Canada annual yearbooks 1987-89, 1992-2000 for cost of postage. Also, about 40-60% of catalog: Great Britain sets (mostly MNH) 1948-1998, worldwide UN topicals, US Bicentennial/ Americana worldwide MNH sets; packs: Switzerland off-paper \$3-5, DDR CTO hinged \$5-10. Canada #1856, Queen Mother's 100th birthday imperforate pane of 9. Noted in Unitrade. Will consider best offer over \$1200. Add \$2 s&h or arrange to meet when I'm in Calgary. Ron Tabbert, rellich@uniserve.com, (250)344-5939, Box 959, Golden, BC V0A 1H0

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July	27	Deadline for August bulletin
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September	5	General meeting
	5	Deadline for October bulletin
	19	Auction
October	3	General meeting
	17	Auction
November	7	General meeting
	7	Deadline for December bulletin
	21	Auction
December	5	Christmas social

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